Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

| In the Matter of |) | |
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| Biennial Regulatory Review |) | |
| Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 13, 22, 24, 26 | ·) | WT Docket No. 98-20 |
| 27, 80, 87, 90, 95, 97, and 101 of the |) | |
| Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Developmen | t) | |
| and Use of the Universal Licensing System |) | |
| in the Wireless Telecommunications Services |) | |

ORDER

Adopted: June 5, 1998 Released: June 5, 1998

By the Chief, Commercial Wireless Division:

1. By this Order, we grant the Federal Communications Bar Association's ("FCBA's")¹ Motion for Extension of Time and extend the filing deadline for reply comments concerning the *ULS NPRM*² to June 16, 1998. The FCBA requests an 8-day extension of the June 8, 1998, deadline in order to give the FCBA additional time to review the substantial volume of comments filed in the ULS proceeding.³ We do not routinely grant extensions of time.⁴ We find in this case, however, that the public interest would be served by allowing the FCBA and other interested parties additional time to file reply comments on the issues raised in the above-captioned matter. Granting this extension request is reasonable because the Commission's *ULS NPRM* is a large and complex document which, as the FCBA notes, does

The FCBA is a non-profit, non-stock corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, and has been in existence since 1936. The FCBA's membership consists of over 3,100 attorneys and other professionals involved in the development, interpretation and practice of communications law and policy. The FCBA filed comments in this proceeding on May 22, 1998. Its comments were prepared by the FCBA's Wireless Telecommunications Practice Committee and approved by the FCBA's Executive Committee, its elected board of directors.

² Biennial Regulatory Review - Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 13, 22, 24, 26, 27, 80, 87, 90, 95, 97, and 101 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Development and Use of the Universal Licensing System in the Wireless Telecommunications Services, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WT Docket No. 98-20, FCC 98-25, 63 Fed. Reg. 16938 (April 7, 1998) (ULS NPRM).

³ See Motion for Extension of Time (filed June 2, 1998) at 3.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

"include the consolidation of 41 existing application forms into five new electronic forms, and the associated proposal to make substantial streamlining revisions to thirteen rule parts. . . ."⁵

2. Also, we note and appreciate the FCBA's formation of a task force to consider and comment on the *ULS NPRM*. We recognize the FCBA as an association of wireless telecommunications practitioners possessing the considerable expertise necessary to help the Commission develop ULS as an efficient and effective licensing tool. We intend for the FCBA to be one of the beneficiaries of the ULS rules because FCBA members are engaged in filing applications on behalf of service providers. For these reasons, we find the FCBA's request for an extension of time to be reasonable and therefore extend the filing date for reply comments. Therefore, we grant the FCBA's request.

Ordering Clauses

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, that pursuant to sections 4(i), and 5 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 155, authority delegated by section 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.331, and section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, the Motion for Extension of Time, filed by the Federal Communications Bar Association on June 2, 1998, IS GRANTED. Reply comments are due on or before **June 16, 1998**.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁵ See Motion for Extension of Time at 2.